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Dr. Joe Lasos
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Dear Dr. Lasos:

I write with respect to the 24 May National Workshop on Environmental Sensitivity.

Further to a conversation between my assistant, Cheryl Hamilton, and Dr. John Davies, it is my understanding that the emphasis of this first workshop will be on research.

I am particularly concerned that, in addition to seeking a better scientific understanding of environmental sensitivity, the unique social needs of persons disabled by these disorders are deemed a priority. While medicine may offer some alleviation of suffering, one must not ignore the need to address social "cures" as well.

The nature of the illness dictates that changes must be made to individuals' personal lifestyles. However, these changes cannot be made in isolation and will have a larger social impact -- on family members, schoolmates, work associates, and the community in general.

I appreciate that the issue of environmental sensitivity is a complex and, to date, controversial one. Clearly, all relevant government health agencies, interest groups and individuals must work co-operatively in order to address the myriad of medical, social and economic challenges associated with environmental sensitivity.

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To that end, I trust that the following are participants in the National Workshop and, if not, recommend strongly that they be invited to attend.

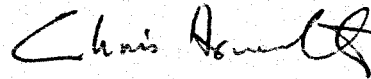
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I would appreciate a response indicating which agencies, groups and individuals have been invited to attend the Workshop. I also look forward to receiving copies of material published following it.

In closing, thank you for your attention to this correspondence and I wish you, your colleagues and Workshop participants a successful meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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